You have a limited time to make a claim after an incident occurs.

Where to get help:

Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission Legal Arts Building 410 W. Chestnut Street, Ste. 300A Louisville, KY 40202 (502) 574-3631, Fax: (502) 574-3190 Email: hrc@louisvilleky.gov

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Heyburn building 332 W. Broadway, 7th Floor (502) 595-4024 or 1-800-292-5566

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Federal Building 600 Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Room 268 Louisville, KY 40202 (502) 582-6082 or 1-800-669-4000

It is against the law to retaliate against someone who files a sexual harassment complaint.

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Sexual Harassment:



Illegal activity on the job

What is Sexual Harassment?

Perception Is Everything!

- Sexual harassment is unwanted conduct of a sexual nature in the workplace.
- Sexual harassment is a violation of federal law.
- It is prohibited under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

There are two types of sexual harassment:

1. "Quid pro quo"

(favor for a favor)

Exacting sexual favors in exchange for a job benefit such as a raise or promotion.

2. Hostile work environment

Unreasonably interfering with work performance; creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

Behaviors are judged by their *impact* on *anyone* in the workplace. The intentions of the behaviors do not have to considered under the law. Avoid conduct that could be considered sexual harassment:

- Act professionally at all times.
- Avoid behaviors that do not contribute to job output. They have no place in the work environment.
- Ask, "Would I want my spouse, child or parent to have to see or listen to something like this?"

General rule: When in doubt, don't!

Sexual harassment comes in many forms:

- verbal abuse
- physical contact
- indecent actions or gestures
- pin-ups or calendars

Sexual harassment affects *all* workers at *all* levels in *all* types of jobs.

Everyone loses when there is sexual harassment in the workplace:

- loss of productivity
- decline in morale
- lawsuits
- resignations of quality employees

What can be done to stop sexual harassment?

- 1. Let it be known that the behavior is unacceptable.
- 2. Document incident by date, time, place, any witnesses.
- 3. Report through channels.
- 4. Seek help.